

Listing of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A packaging system comprising:

a container having a rim defining an open end; and

a carrying assembly having a first lower portion for securely capturing the container rim and a second upper portion comprising a blister package, the blister package including a blister section forming a carrying handle for the system.

Claim 2 (original): The packaging system of claim 1 wherein the blister package is generally arch shaped.

Claim 3 (original): The packaging system of claim 1 wherein the blister package includes blister sections on opposing sides thereof to form the carrying handle.

Claim 4 (original): The packaging system of claim 3 wherein the blister section on one of the opposing sides is formed with an enlarged perimeter portion generally following the arch-shape of the blister package.

Claim 5 (original): The packaging system of claim 4 wherein the blister section on the other of the opposing sides is formed with an enlarged perimeter portion generally following the arch-shape of the blister package.

Claim 6 (original): The packaging system of claim 4 wherein the other of the opposing sides includes a recess which cooperates with the enlarged perimeter portion as a handle.

Claim 7 (original): The packaging system of claim 1 wherein the blister package includes blister portions for receiving display items.

Claim 8 (original): The packaging system of claim 1 including a display card in the blister package.

Claim 9 (original): The packaging system of claim 1 including an upper supporting surface, and means for supporting the upper supporting surface within the container.

Claim 10 (original): The packaging system of claim 9 wherein the upper supporting surface supporting means comprises a projection extending inwardly from the container to supportingly engage the upper supporting surface.

Claim 11 (original): The packaging system of claim 10, including a plurality of the projections extending inwardly from the container to supportingly engage the upper supporting surface.

Claim 12 (original): The packaging system of claim 11 wherein the plurality of projections form a circumferential ridge.

Claim 13 (original): The packaging system of claim 9 wherein the upper supporting surface includes shaped deformations for receiving items of display.

Claim 14 (original): The packaging system of claim 9 including a lower supporting surface disposed below the upper supporting surface and defining a space, the space adapted to contain a display item.

Claim 15 (original): The packaging system of claim 1 including a cover adapted for closing the open end of the container, wherein the cover is disposed within the blister package.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A packaging system comprising:

a container having a rim defining an open end; and

a carrying assembly having a first lower portion for securely capturing the container rim and a second, generally arch-shaped upper portion comprising a blister package, the generally arch-shaped upper portion including sections on opposing sides thereof cooperatively forming a carrying handle for the system.

Claim 17 (original): The packaging system of claim 16 wherein the blister section on one of the opposing sides is formed with an enlarged perimeter portion generally following the arch-shape of the blister package.

Claim 18 (original): The packaging system of claim 17 wherein the blister section on the other of the opposing sides is formed with an enlarged perimeter portion generally following the arch-shape of the blister package.

Claim 19 (original): The packaging system of claim 17 wherein the other of the opposing sides includes a recess which cooperates with the enlarged perimeter portion as a handle.

Claim 20 (original): The packaging system of claim 16 wherein the blister package includes blister portions for receiving display items.

Claim 21 (original): The packaging system of claim 16 including a display card in the blister package.

Claim 22 (original): The packaging system of claim 16 including an upper supporting surface, and means for supporting the upper supporting surface within the container.

Claim 23 (original): The packaging system of claim 22 wherein the upper supporting surface supporting means comprises a projection extending inwardly from the container to supportingly engage the upper supporting surface.

Claim 24 (original): The packaging system of claim 23 including a plurality of the projections extending inwardly from the container to supportingly engage the upper supporting surface.

Claim 25 (original): The packaging system of claim 24 wherein the plurality of projections form a circumferential ridge.

Claim 26 (original): The packaging system of claim 22 wherein the upper supporting surface includes shaped deformations for receiving items of display.

Claim 27 (original): The packaging system of claim 16 including a cover adapted for closing the open end of the container, wherein the cover is disposed within the blister package.

Claim 28 (original): A packaging system comprising:
a container having a rim defining an open end;

a carrying assembly having a first portion for securely capturing the container rim and a second, generally arch-shaped portion comprising a blister package, the blister package including blister sections on opposing sides thereof to form a carrying handle for the system;

an upper supporting surface, the upper supporting surface including shaped deformations for receiving items of display;

circumferential ridge extending about an inner surface of the container for supporting the upper supporting surface within the container; and

a lower supporting surface disposed below the upper supporting surface and defining a space, the space adapted to contain display material.

Claim 29 (original): The packaging system of claim 28 wherein the blister section on one of the opposing sides is formed with an enlarged perimeter portion generally following the arch-shape of the blister package.

Claim 30 (original): The packaging system of claim 29 wherein the blister section on the other of the opposing sides is formed with an enlarged perimeter portion generally following the arch-shape of the blister package.

Claim 31 (original): The packaging system of claim 30 wherein the other of the opposing sides includes a recess which cooperates with the enlarged perimeter portion as a handle.

Claim 32 (original): The packaging system of claim 28 wherein the blister package includes blister portions for receiving display items.

Claim 33 (original): The packaging system of claim 28 including a display card in the blister package.

Claim 34 (original): The packaging system of claim 28 including a cover adapted for closing the open end of the container, wherein the cover is disposed within the blister package.